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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO **OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 27, 2006**

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2006, Applicants amend and remark as follows.

## Authorization for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request thereof. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$100 for additional claims, and any additional fees which may be required, to the Deposit Account No.03-0335; Order No. OTD-030487 US.

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